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REFS: A. ADDIS 10815; B. ADDIS 11137; C. ADDIS/DAO 0671 OCT 74;
D. DOD MESSAGE 9667, DTG 112218Z OCT 74

1. REF A REPORTED GEN. AMAN'S REQUEST FOR AN INCREASED US MILITARY ADVISORY EFFORT IN ETHIOPIA. REF B SET FORTH TWO ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES TO THIS REQUEST AND ASKED FOR GUIDANCE. REF C REPORTED GEN. AMAN'S MOST RECENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

2. REF D REQUESTS CERTAIN INPUT FROM HQ, EUCOM CONCERNING CERTAIN POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE JMP, USMAAG ETHIOPIA. THIS MESSAGE APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO APPROVING A RESPONSE TO LTG AMAN WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE USMAAG WILL MAINTAIN 1 JUL 73 JTD LEVELS (79 MILITARY POSITIONS), OR DRAW DOWN IN FY 75 TO A MANPOWER LEVEL HIGHER THAN THAT POSTULATED IN THE PROPOSED 1 JUL 74 JTD (45 MILITARY POSITIONS).

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A RESPONSE WOULD BE OF POLITICAL VALUE. GEN. AMAN IS CLEARLY THINKING OF A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF THE ADVISORY EFFORT. WE ESTIMATE THAT ANYTHING
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LESS THAN AN ADDITION OF 30 REPEAT 30, SPACES OVER AND ABOVE THE

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1 JULY 73 USMAAG JTD WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE IMPACT ON HIM. FOR INSTANCE, THE MAINTENANCE OF THAT LATTER LEVEL WOULD NOT EVEN PERMIT THE FULL TIME ASSIGNMENT OF ONE OFFICER TO EACH ARMY DIVISION AND AIRFORCE GROUP. IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THE ADDITION OF 50 SPACES ABOVE THIS LEVEL TO CONVINCE GENERAL AMAN THAT THE USG IS RESPONDING FULLY TO HIS REQUEST.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION USMAAG IS NOW ATTRITING TOWARD THE PROPOSED 1 JULY 74 JTD LEVEL AT THE END OF FY 75. IT CURRENTLY HAS 69 MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED.
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